

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. -5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended): A method for manufacturing shoe components using EVA based composition, said method comprising:

a first step of cutting an EVA copolymer-based film having a thickness of 0.01 to less than 2mm;

a second step of stacking and/or combining a plurality of the cut films to within a cavity of a molding mold, at least a part of a surface of each said film being in direct contact with at least a part of an adjacent film;

a third step of covering said molding die mold and applying heat and pressure to said molding mold; and

a fourth step of releasing pressure from said molding mold, removing the cover, and producing permitting said EVA copolymer-based film to foam.

7. (currently amended): A method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 6, wherein at least one of the plurality of said EVA copolymer-based films has a thickness of 0.1 to 1.0mm.

8. (currently amended): A method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 6, wherein said EVA copolymer-based film is provided with enhanced physical properties or appearance by mixing a staple fiber or textile fabric, non-fabric, artificial leather, foam rubber compound and/or thermoplastic resin composition into an EVA copolymer during an EVA copolymer-based film manufacturing processes.

9. (currently amended): A method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 6, wherein at least one of said EVA copolymer-based films is provided with enhanced physical properties or appearance by bi-component calender molding the film type EVA

copolymer with woven fabric or the film having watersoluble polymer; processing the molded material into ~~the~~ a tape or wire type material; weaving or knitting the material; and solving the watersoluble polymer.

10. (currently amended): A method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 6, wherein a textile fabric and/or non-fabric, natural/artificial leather and rubber are used together with at least one of said films used in said second step.

11. (currently amended): A method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 6, wherein said plurality of EVA copolymer-based films includes two or more types with different physical properties and colors.

12. (currently amended): A method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 6, wherein said plurality of EVA copolymer-based films includes two or more types having one or more regular or random patterns and/or characters printed thereon.

13. (currently amended): A method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 6, wherein at least one of said plurality of EVA copolymer-based films has a plurality of holes perforated therethrough in a wide variety of shapes or is cut into one or more films.

14. (currently amended): ~~A method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 6~~ A method for manufacturing shoe components using EVA based composition, said method comprising:

a first step of cutting an EVA copolymer film having a thickness of 0.01 to less than 2mm;

a second step of stacking and/or combining a plurality of the cut films within a cavity of a molding mold;

a third step of covering said molding die mold and applying heat and pressure to said molding mold; and

a fourth step of releasing pressure from said molding mold, removing the cover, and producing permitting said EVA copolymer film to foam,

wherein said films are stacked and/or combined in said second step, in such a manner that the lateral side of heel or rear foot or arch of mid foot is further hardened as compared other parts

so as to achieve increased supporting force, and the medial side of heel or rear foot or center of fore foot has a cushioning capability, elasticity and restoring force relatively higher than those of the lateral side of heel or rear foot or arch of mid foot.

15. (original): A method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 14, said plurality of EVA copolymer-based films are stacked and/or combined in said second step, in such a manner that the part of shoe contacting toes of the wearer has a low hardness and high cushioning capability, and the arch has a supporting force, thus permitting each part of a single form to have different physical properties.

16. (currently amended): A method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 6, wherein said plurality of EVA copolymer-based films is stacked and/or combined in said second step, using a sheet and/or pellet type material or EVA polymer material which is cooling molded into the state before foam production.

17. (currently amended): A method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 6, wherein one or more EVA copolymer-based films used in said second step are stacked and/or combined by using an EVA copolymer preform.

18. (original): A method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 17, wherein said EVA copolymer preform has a stereographic shape.

19. (currently amended): A method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 6, wherein a film mixed with a pigment or additives for exhibiting colors or visual effects different from the color of said stacked plurality of EVA copolymer-based films, is disposed at the top, rear or side surface of the layer of said stacked films, during the stacking of said film.

20. (currently amended): method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 6, further comprises a step of accommodating a structure into said stacked plurality of EVA copolymer-based films and removing the structure after a foam molding process so as to form a space in the layer of said stacked films.

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21. (original): A method for manufacturing shoe components according to one of Claim 6 to Claim 20, further comprises a step of injecting a film or form passed through the foaming process into a molding die and compression re-molding the film or form.

22. (currently amended): A method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 21, further ~~comprises~~ comprising a mixed stacking-combining step of mixing a foam thermoplastic resin and/or rubber material with a predetermined portion and/or layer in said second step and stacking and/or combining the mixture; and a bonding step of bonding shoe components formed of different materials and passed through the compression re-molding process.

23. (original): A method for manufacturing shoe components according to Claim 22, wherein the material used in said mixed stacking-combining step is disposed at the lowest layer in said cavity of said molding die.

24. -27. (cancelled)